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Although Leaders Had a Comparatively Easy Schedule and Played Only Sixteen Games, They Had a Most Impressive Appearance and Should Be Ranked High.

The intercollegiate baseball season was brought to a close Saturday by the deciding game of the Harvard-Yale series, and in the matter of victories Brown University seems entitled to the championship laurels.

Brown is entitled to the honors, not solely because it went through the season without a defeat, but because the others did not approach the class of champions. Of the other possible eligibles, Princeton falls below, playing fairly well half the season, and good ball the other half. Excepting Heyniger's pitching, there was nothing sparkling about Princeton's play at any stage. Among the teams which defeated the "Ivory Giants" were Wesleyan, Fordham, Mercerburg Academy, Virginia, and Lafayette. Cornell played poorly during April, and before its first game with Yale it had been beaten five times by college nines. A champion team should not have lost the games the Ithacans did, and should not have had such close calls. All the other colleges played such irregular ball that they cannot be considered in the front rank.

Eliminating Princeton and Cornell, we have Brown. The Providence University, with its easy schedule, did a wonderful stroke of business, shutting out eight teams, Wesleyan, Massachusetts "Aggies," Maine, Lafayette, Vermont, Harvard, Pennsylvania, and Alabama. Five victories were 1-to-0 affairs. The biggest feat was the defeating of Harvard and Yale on successive days, a stunt that brought Brown into prominence. Brown had a corking team, and it is unfortunate that it did not have a better chance to show its ability.

Had Good Material. The majority of its opponents were not strong teams, and had Harvard and Yale not been played, the programme would have looked fit for a third-rate team. But Brown had the players and could have been doing something for any of the nines. Two of the pitchers, Tift and Nourse, the latter of whom did not have enough opportunity to show himself, eight veterans, and one of the best college coaches in the business were the team's assets. Games with Harvard and Pennsylvania were wiped off the slate by rain, and the series with Dartmouth was stopped because of a rumormongering umpire. In fact, the baseball players must necessarily get into working order quickly, and if rain and cool breezes compel them to take indoor practice, which is only a consolation, so much valuable time is lost which cannot be made up. The best clubs reach their best in the most summer season, while the colleges must be at their best by the middle of May, anyway, or they will not cut much of a figure. If the standard of this year's season was below that of last year, and there is every reason to believe it was, the weather is responsible. Some of the nines took Southern trips in the early baseball days and did well against the teams of the South, though, of course, the main idea was to get practice. But the return college games under conditions not much better than they had been before the trips.

Many Extra Innings. Extra-inning games and shut-outs this season have probably been greater than for years past. One to nothing was a prominent score, and again many games were decided by one run. The longest college game of the season was between Trinity and Wesleyan, both teams securing the same number of runs in nineteen innings. Penn State and Cornell battled the Ithacans losing, 3 to 1. Syracuse and Niagara also went seventeen innings. Many games went to extra innings, and one may be remembered to the end of the season. Little is known of this nine in this vicinity other than the games which that team played with Cornell and Princeton. It defeated the former, in seventeen innings, and lost a close game to Princeton, an umpire's mistake figuring largely in the result. Pennsylvania State had a wonderful record the past season, and Nourse, its pitcher, is one of the best college pitchers in the East, six of his eight victories being shut-outs. Fordham is entitled to the next position. The difference between the showings of the other teams which make up the first ten is small.

How the Teams Stand. Following is the ranking of the ten front college teams in the East: Brown, Cornell, Princeton, Penn State, Fordham, Harvard, Holy Cross, Williams, Yale, and Georgetown. The "summer-ball" question didn't seem to worry many of the colleges this season, and many students competed on the "variety" nine which played professional ball last summer. Eight captains of New England college teams were among the professionals who passed muster, and three of the number played with league teams. Early in the season it was re-

ported that "show up" the professionals, but there was no showing up and there was little howling. One of the unfortunate phases of the question is that three New England college teams are branded as not worthy of notice because they included professionals. If all the other teams were amateurs, there would be something in this remark. But when facts show that the majority of the nines are playing ineligible, it is unjust to brand any one college team and let the others escape attention. The situation is practically this: The colleges cry for amateur ball, but when it comes down to a matter of practice and not theory, the nines are willing to use players who are not eligible according to their own rules. The star individual players have, of course, been the pitchers. The work of Heyniger and Deshon stands above the others. Both are great pitchers. Deshon, into the bargain, is a hitter and won two or three games by his own hitting. He was extremely unfortunate in losing a no-hit game to Harvard, but his wildness at a critical moment was responsible. Cornell was credited with being a heavy-hitting team, yet when the Ithacans had the right chance to show their batting skill they did not loom up so strongly.

Heyniger a Star. Heyniger is not a sophomore and, of course, has two more years of pitching. He is a big, husky fellow, standing six feet and one-half inch tall and weighs 185 pounds. In his freshman year he was put in the box in the Harvard game, and succeeded in winning, 5 to 0. He also beat Yale, 3 to 2, last year. On paper, he appears to be a fine future. But it must be remembered that the mighty Quinn, of Dartmouth, last year created such a sensation that he was picked to do even better things in his two more years of college ball. Heyniger may have the strength to continue as he has begun. Both he and Deshon are the leading pitchers of the year.

First-class catchers have been Waters and Paine. Jones, of Yale, has also done brilliant work, but the first two have the right of way. For the first base, Carney, of Holy Cross, a left-handed first baseman, a rare thing among college nines, is both a skillful fielder and a strong hitter. He has batted above the .300 mark the past season and faced the majority of the leading pitchers. Vaughn, of Princeton, appears to have the right of this season. Kinney, of Holy Cross, shortstop. Last season Beach, of Amherst, was the best man at short, but has been played at second base this season, where he has not created such a big impression. His hitting also has suffered. Kinney, of Yale, has played poorly all season, and his work is far below that of last year's. Leonard, of Harvard, is a fine fielder, and though he did not do very much hitting, he showed up better than any of the other third basemen, although Smith, of Georgetown, was an exceptionally good man. Tift, of Brown, although a pitcher, is as good as the best and is a fine fielder. In fact, in the Ithaca game, he appears the strongest man and so does McDewitt, of Dartmouth, in center, a fine fielder, fast base-runner, and a good stick. Other fine fielders are Cahill, of Princeton; Raymond, of Brown; Harlan, of Princeton; Elgelow, of Cornell.

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